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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2008, having a response due date of January 28, 2009. Please charge Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

The Claimed Invention

Conventional dishwashers are operated using rotary switches or buttons. These control devices include moving parts which are liable to wear and may be impaired by contamination. Conventional dishwashers are also known to include displays that visibly reproduce dishwasher operation information. These dishwashers typically require a plurality of displays and may also reply upon different lamps to reproduce different colors. Further, these displays and controls are separate from each other.

A first exemplary embodiment, as defined by, for example, independent claim 11, is directed to a dishwasher that includes a container for retaining items to be subjected to